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Urban District Council of Filey



Report of the Medical Officer of Health and Sanitary Inspector

For the Year
1955.

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To the Chairman and Councillors,
Urban District of Filey.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual
Report on the Health Services of the Urban District
for the Year 1955.

Under the new Food Hygiene Regulations,
for the first time hotels and boarding-houses come
into line with food manufacturers, cafes and retailers.
I advise all to take the necessary steps to ensure
compliance with these Regulations, neglect of which
might lead to prosecution.

There were no outstanding circumstances
that require detailed explanations.

I take this opportunity of thanking the
Health Committee of the Council and my fellow officials
for their ready assistance at all times.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

E. T. COLVILLE.

Medical Officer of Health.



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STATISTICAL MEMORANDUM

Urban District	Filey
Area in acres	2,106
Population : 1955 Registrar General	4,820
Number of inhabited houses (estimate 1955)	1,927
Rateable value	£58,132
Sum represented by a penny rate	£224.92
Death-rate	11.2
Birth-rate	12.2
Infantile mortality	16.9

VITAL STATISTICS

(a) Live Births:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	26	29	55
Illegitimate	2	2	<u>4</u>
			<u>59</u>
Birth-rate	12.2	per 1,000	
Percentage of illegitimate births	6.8		

(b) Still-births:

There were 2 still-births (legitimate) during the year, equivalent to a rate of 32.8 per 1,000 births.

(c) Deaths:

The number of deaths registered during the year as belonging to the Urban District was 54. This is equal to a death-rate of 11.2 per 1,000. The comparability factor to correct the crude death-rate for age and sex distribution in the Urban District was calculated by the Registrar General at 0.86, this on multiplication with the actual rate gives a comparative death-rate of 9.6.

The causes of death are given in Table 1.

(d) Infant Mortality Rate:

There was 1 death in an infant under 1 year of age (legitimate). The infantile mortality rate based upon the number of live births registered in the year, i.e., 59 is equivalent to a rate of 16.9 per 1,000 births.

(e) Maternal Mortality:

There were no deaths from maternal causes.

TABLE 1

Causes of Death in Filey U.D., 1955 (R.G.).

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
All causes	21	33
Tuberculosis, respiratory	--	1
Cancer, stomach	1	-
Cancer, lung, bronchus	-	1
Cancer, breast	-	1
Cancer, uterus	-	1
Cancer, other sites	3	2
Diabetes	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	4
Coronary disease, angina	3	8
Hypertension with heart disease	-	1
Other heart disease	4	3
Other circulatory disease	4	6
Bronchitis	-	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	1	3
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-
All other accidents	-	1

TABLE 11

Provisional Statistics - England and Wales

Births

Live births	15.0 per 1,000 home	population
Still-births	23.1 per 1,000 live and	still-births

Deaths

Death-rate	11.7 per 1,000 home	population
Infant mortality	24.9 per 1,000 related live	births

General provision of Health Services for the Area.

Laboratory Facilities

Specimens for bacteriological and pathological examinations are sent to the Public Health Laboratory of the Medical Research Council at Hull or to the Pathological Laboratory at Scarborough Hospital.

Samples of water for chemical analysis are forwarded to the Public Analyst for the East Riding.

Maternity and Child Welfare

The County Council provide a fortnightly Clinic which is held in the Conference Hall adjoining the Council Offices, and there is one Health Visitor resident in the town.

Prevalence of, and control over, Infectious
and Other Diseases.

The following infectious diseases were notified during the year:

Measles	149
Pneumonia	6
Poliomyelitis (P)	2
Whooping Cough	2

There were no deaths from Measles or Whooping Cough.

Both cases of Poliomyelitis were in visitors to the district.

Diphtheria Immunisation

The number of children who completed the full course of immunisation in the Authority's area between 1st January and 31st December, 1955, is as follows:

<u>Under 5 years.</u>	<u>5 - 14 years.</u>
36	1

In addition 2 children received boosting doses.

The estimated number of children immunised at any time who were born between 1941 and 1955 inclusive is as follows:

<u>Under 5 years.</u>	<u>5 - 14 years.</u>
179	709

Tuberculosis 1955

The Register of Tuberculosis for the year is as follows:

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1954.....	9	13	2	3	27
Added to the Register:					
(a) Cases notified for the first time during the year	-	1	1	-	2
(b) Inward transfers	1	-	-	-	1
Removed from the Register on account of death, change of address, etc..	-	1	-	-	1
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1955.....	10	13	3	3	29

A mass radiography survey by the Leeds Regional Hospital Board was held in Filey in 1955. There were 290 examinations by miniature radiography, and of these, 4 were thought to have significant abnormalities

Annual Report of the Sanitary Inspector
for the year ending 31st December, 1955.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies' and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report on the work of the Sanitary Inspector for the year 1955.

GENERAL

The general sanitary condition of the district was satisfactory with the exception as in previous years of the pollution of the beach by the sewer outfall, and the pollution of the Primrose Valley stream by discharge from septic tanks.

FOOD

All food premises in the district were inspected and hygienic standards generally found to be satisfactory. Informal action was taken in respect of minor infringements of the Food Handling Byelaws, the owner or shopkeeper concerned in each case being willing to co-operate. There were no instances when formal action was necessary.

The following is a summary of unsound food surrendered and disposed of at the Refuse Tip:

<u>Food</u>	<u>Weight</u>	
Canned Fish	48 $\frac{1}{2}$	lbs.
" Fruit	16	"
" Meat	23	"
" Milk	9	"
" Vegetables	33	"
Butter	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
Cheese	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
Fish	28	"
Confectionery	755	"
		{ Contaminated }
		{ and damaged }
		{ following burst }
		{ water pipe. }

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There are in the area two licenced slaughterhouses serving the needs of two of the local butchers. These slaughterhouses have been operated satisfactorily and not caused any nuisance.

MEAT INSPECTION

All meat at the two licenced slaughterhouses has been inspected. The quality of animals slaughtered is very good with the result that only a small amount of meat was condemned, mainly for localised tuberculosis and parasitic conditions. There were no cases of Cysticercus Bovis during the year. All condemned meat was dyed green before being taken out of the district.

The number of animals slaughtered and weight of meat condemned is as follows:

Bullocks	Heifers	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Weight Condemned
44	31	Nil	4	713	215	387 lbs.

MILK

Most of the milk sold within the district was either Tuberculin Tested or Pasteurised. Raw ungraded milk was supplied by one retailer, but this was discontinued when "The Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) No. 2 Order 1955" came into operation. There is one pasteurising and bottling plant in the area, which received regular inspection and from which milk samples were frequently submitted for bacteriological examination.

30 samples of milk were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for examination and of this number one did not conform to the required standard.

ICE CREAM

Ice Cream is manufactured at three premises in the district. One of these uses a complete cold mix for manufacture, and all premises comply with the provisions of the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations. 13 samples of ice cream were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examinations, the results of which were as follows:

Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
6	4	1	2

EXIMINATION OF WATER SUPPLIES

19 Samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination and all except one were reported as being equivalent to Class 1 of the Ministry of Health Classification for piped water supplies. 2 samples were submitted for chemical analysis, the results of which are as follows:

<u>Physical Examination.</u>	<u>No. 2 Bore</u>	<u>Mixed No. 1 Bore and No. 2 Bore.</u>
Colour	Pale Yellow	Palest Yellow
Appearance	Clear: pract. no suspended matter	Clear: pract. no suspended matter.
Taste	Normal	Normal
Smell	None	None

General Chemical Examination.

Reaction, pH.	7.4	7.6
	<u>Parts per Million</u>	
Chlorides, expressed as chlorine,	55	64
Nitrites,	none	none
Lead, etc.,	none	none
Hardness, Total	234	330
Oxygen Absorbed at 80°F (4 hours)	0.701	0.273
Free Ammonia,	0.244	0.278
Albuminoid Ammonia.	0.014	0.010
Free Carbon Dioxide, as CO ₂	9	3
Alkalinity, as CaCO ₃	274.0	271.0
Sulphuretted Hydrogen,	none	none
Iron, as Fe,	0.1	0.1
Free Chlorine,	none	none

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The built up area of Filey comprising 1,300 dwelling-houses and business premises, is sewered into an outfall which is situated in Filey Bay, near the Coble Landing. The large holiday camp at the southern end of the area, where approximately 8,000 persons resided during the peak of the summer, has a separate temporary outfall into Filey Bay and is fitted with storage tanks so that sewage can be released twice daily at high tide. As in previous years serious fouling of the beach was caused at low tide.

The Primrose Valley stream was again polluted during the summer by discharge from septic tanks serving houses, hotels and the caravan site. To minimise nuisance all effluent from the treatment tanks serving the caravan site was chlorinated.

Work on the main sewerage scheme and new outfall continued throughout the year. When this is completed there should be no further fouling of the beach. It is to be hoped that the scheme for the sewerage of Primrose Valley will be completed at the same time but the pollution of the stream will not cease until the use of the various septic tanks is discontinued and all properties in the valley connected to the sewerage system which is to be constructed.

CAMPING SITES

There are three licenced camping sites in the district, at Primrose Valley, Lowfield Farm and Seadale. A site at Muston Grange Farm is used by members of the Caravan Club. The camps were in use from March to September only and inspection showed them to be kept in a satisfactory condition. All sites have adequate water supplies from the Council's mains. The site at Seadale is on the water carriage system, with a private sewer connecting to the Council's sewers. At Lowfield Farm, pail closets are used and at Primrose Valley both pail and water closets are in use.

RODENT CONTROL

This work is carried out by one Rodent Operator working part time, the cost of which qualifies for the 50% Ministry Grant. The sewer system was test baited during the year and found to be almost free from infestation. This service is free for domestic premises but a charge is made for business premises. No major infestations were found during the year.

Number of visits by part-time Rodent Operator..334
Infestations eradicated 82
Sewer manholes test baited 24

HOUSING

A considerable number of unfit houses were the subject of clearance orders before the war and have been demolished although the sites have not been redeveloped. A survey carried out during the year indicated that some 56 houses would have to be included for demolition. Of this number 33 houses were the subject of clearance orders confirmed by the Minister in 1937. Most of these 33 houses are now unoccupied and awaiting demolition, some have been modified for a temporary period under the building byelaws, and are being used as workplaces. The houses which have not yet been represented will be included in future clearance orders and all the unfit houses should be demolished within 5 years.

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 and 1948.

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health:

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>No. of Inspections</u>	<u>No. of Written Notices.</u>
(a) Factories in which sections, 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	7	8	Nil
(b) Factories not included in (a) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	27	41	Nil
(c) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	13	15	Nil
TOTAL	47	64	Nil

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found:

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred by H.M.Inspector.</u>
Sanitary Conveniences (b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-

Visits and Inspections.

Houses - Public Health and Housing Acts.	
Disrepair	168
Sanitary defects - nuisances	47
Investigating infectious diseases ...	3
Re-visits	18
Owned by Local Authority	833
 Bakehouses	 22
Cafe and Hotel Kitchens	28
Camping Sites	14
Cesspools	9
Dairies	24
Drainage inspections and tests	87
Factories	64
Ice Cream	19
Meat Shops and Preparation Rooms	17
Miscellaneous	43
Other Food Premises	28
Provision Shops	40
Schools	11
School Canteen	7
Slaughterhouses	187
Notices Served - Informal	21
Formal	18
Notices Complied - Informal	19
Formal	Nil

In conclusion, I wish to tender my thanks to the Chairman of the Health Committee, and to the Members, Officers and Employees of the Council, whose co-operation, support and assistance have been invaluable.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

K. W. SKEATES.

Sanitary Inspector.

